RE. DEMAND FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RANGANATH MISHRA COMMISSION REPORT

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us now take up Calling Attention Motion.

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Kerala): Sir, it is a matter of concern. We had raised the matter. Already the Minister of Minority Affairs has gone to the television channel and announced that he is going to implement the Ranganath Mishra Commission Report.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Where?

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: In the TV channel he did it but in the Parliament he is not raising. It is a serious thing. The Minister of Minority Affairs has gone to the TV channel and announced that he is going to implement the ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: When?

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Just now. He has gone to the TV studio in the Parliament. Sir, it is a serious thing. The Minister has gone to the TV studio and announced that he is going to implement the recommendations of the Ranganath Mishra Commission Report. What is this? *(Interruptions)* Let the Parliamentary Affairs Minister come here.

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी (बिहार) : हाउस चल रहा है और मिनिस्टर बाहर जाकर बोल रहे हैं..(व्यवधान)

SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU (Andhra Pradesh): Look at the darkness. *(Interruptions)*. Sir, you have to protect us. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I don't know...*(Interruptions)*

PROF. P.J. KURIEN: (Kerala) Sir, we have already sent for the Parliamentary Affairs Minister to be here and give his reaction on this.

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Till then, Sir, you can adjourn the House. Let the Minister come. What is wrong in it? It is a matter of concern of the minority community and the backward sections of our society. Naturally,...

PROF. P.J. KURIEN: You allow the business to resume. The Minister will come. Sir, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister will be...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He will be coming and then we can take it up.

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: It is a matter of concern and related to the minority community and the backward sections of our society.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Please allow the business to resume. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister will be coming.

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: How can it be possible?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He will be coming and, then, we will take it up.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Sir, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister will be coming soon. Let him allow the business to resume.

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Sir, it is a matter of concern and related to the millions of people in this country belonging to the minority and backward community. Let the Minister come and assure the House when they are going to lay the Report on the table of the House. When is he going to come? *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has come. *(Interruptions)*

श्री उपसभापति : आप बैठिए। ..(व्यवधान).. आप बैठिए न। ..(व्यवधान)

SHRI N.K. SINGH (Bihar): Mr. Minister, at least, you could have informed us first...*(Interruptions)*...You could have informed the House first ...*(Interruptions)*...We are told that you have made some comments about the Report on some TV channel...You inform us first ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is agitated about non-laying of the Ranganath Misra Commission Report on the Table. The Report has been published in some newspaper. This matter has been raised in the House two or three times ...*(Interruptions)*...One minute. One minute ...*(Interruptions)*...Since the hon. Minister was not there, I am just explaining...*(Interruptions)*...Not briefing...*(Interruptions)*...

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I am grateful that the hon. Members have expressed their concern, desire and anxiety to see the Report. To tell you the truth, Sir, the matter is under consideration of the Government. We had said so. There was also a requirement under the RTI. We were asked to disclose it under the RTI. The matter is before the High Court. So, it is *sub judice.* We have told to High Court exactly the same thing. The matter is being considered actively by the Government. As soon as the Government takes a decision, we will bring it before the House. There is no question of not brining it before the House.

SHRI SABIR ALI (Bihar): Sir, this is not the matter. We are asking the Government to lay the Report on the Table of the House ...*(Interruptions)*...We want the hon. Minister to lay it on the Table of the House...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is that you want? ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SABIR ALI: Sir, the hon. Minister is delaying the matter ...*(Interruptions)*...We are asking as to when the Report would be laid on the Table of the House...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You see, the Minister has said that the matter is under consideration of the Government...*(Interruptions)*...I cannot go beyond that... *(Interruptions)*...No, no...*(Interruptions)*...Mr. Sabir Ali, please go to your seat... *(Interruptions)*...The point is, you wanted response from the Government and the Government has responded. The matter ends there.

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD (Bihar): Sir, when is the hon. Minister going to place it on the Table of the House?...*(Interruptions)*...At least, that assurance the hon. Minister can give...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Sir, at least, this assurance has to be given to the House...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The point is, you wanted the response of the Government and the Government has responded...*(Interruptions)*...The matter ends there...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: He can give an assurance to the House ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This will be discussed it in the Business Advisory Committee...*(Interruptions)*...Let us continue with the Business ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED: Sir, the House still has to debate an earlier Report of a very great importance. The other House is debating it...*(Interruptions)*... What is the hurry?...*(Interruptions)*...First we will discuss the Liberahan Report ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SABIR ALI: Sir, the hon. Minister is misleading the House ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, you wanted response of the Government. The Government has responded. Now, let us take up the Calling Attention...*(Interruptions)*...The present status of the W.T.O. negotiations, Shri Moinul Hassan...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी (बिहार): यहां बोलने में आपको क्या दिक्कत है ..(व्यवधान).. आप बता दीजिए हाऊस में। ..(व्यवधान)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have already called him...*(Interruptions)*..I have already taken up...*(Interruptions)*...What is the matter? आप बैठिए। ..(व्यवधान)..अंसारी साहब, आप बैठिए। ..(व्यवधान)..

SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, the reply given by the hon. Minister is the same that was given by hon. Minister who was in-charge of this portfolio. We are hearing the same thing again. We want that this Report be placed by tomorrow. Please. You cannot say it is not possible. You cannot keep on postponing it for years together. Whom are you supporting? Whom do you want to cover? This is not fair. We have been asking in the House and the hon. Minister for laying the Report. His predecessor had said the same thing. Now, he is saying the same thing. We are not ready to listen the same thing for the second time.

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, we have a different, distinct view about this issue. But, I am raising only one thing. I saw the hon. Minister on a channel in question. He said, 'within six months I am going to bring it.' Is it fair on his part, when the Session is going on, to make this kind of a policy statement on a TV channel ...*(Interruptions)*... This is a very

fundamental issue...*(Interruptions)*...The hon. Minister may kindly explain this to the House...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED: Sir, I need to explain to my learned friend. My learned friend has been I & B Minister. He should watch television a little more carefully. We were being asked whether in our Manifesto...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: I have seen and listened to every word of yours, Mr. Minister.

SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED: You cannot force words into my mouth. We have very clearly said in our Manifesto that we are going to take a view on OBC Lists, which includes OBC Minority people. Sir, you know Karnataka model and Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh models. We have committed to this model in our Manifesto. Nothing has been said about this Report. I can get my learned friend a copy of the CD. If he had only watched carefully, he would have known that I cannot and will not say anything on the Report because I do understand some parliamentary procedures as well. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has clarified. ...*(Interruptions)*... He has clarified. ...*(Interruptions)*... He has clarified. ...*(Interruptions)*... He has clarified, please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SABIR ALI: Sir, through you, I would like to put only one question. My question is, whether they are going to table the Report or not?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You see, they have said, 'it is under consideration.' Now, whether they do it or not, I cannot say. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SABIR ALI: You should ask. ...*(Interruptions)*... You should ask, when will it be done? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No; no ...*(Interruptions)*... Now, Mr. Moinul Hassan. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Moinul Hassan. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Moinul Hassan, call the attention of the Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*... Call the attention of the Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*..

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CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Present status of the WTO negotiations

SHRI MOINUL HASSAN (West Bengal): Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Commerce and Industry to the present status of the WTO Negotiations. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the Doha Round of trade negotiations at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has been underway since 2001. The years 2007 and 2008 saw intensive discussions and considerable progress on many elements of the Agriculture and non-agricultural market access